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Column One
By David Courtney

THE anti-Communist, Clerical-Centrist parties did well in the recent Italian Municipal elections: acting as an alliance they succeeded in getting control of former Communist strongholds, including Genoa and Venice, and in ousting the Socialist majority in Milan. But the Communists did well, too. In a smaller poll than that of the 1948 General Elections, they substantially increased their votes throughout the whole country. In Genoa, where the democratic bloc now has a majority, the Communists and Nenni Socialists increased their strength from 183,569 in 1948 to just under 197,000; in Milan they added about 11,000 to their 1946 figures; in Bologna, the centre of "Red Emilia," where the majority remains Communist, and in Venice, there were proportinate increases in the Communist voting strength.

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THE Italian voting system, in which the total votes won by each of the parties acting in association are added together, enormously helped the democratic bloc and was the means by which the Communist administrations were unseated. At the same time, Signor de Gasperi's Christian Democratic Party, the mainstay of the bloc and the only Italian non-Communist "mass" Party, lost heavily. In Milan, it polled 100,000 votes less than in 1948; in Genoa it dropped 40,000, in Venice nearly 30,000, and in Bologna 25,000. Most of the lost votes went to the Right-wing parties, including the neo-Fascist M.S.I.

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NEXT weekend the second part of the total government elections will take place; and the results from Florence, Turin, and other important centres may cause some change in the general picture. What remains clear, and will remain clear after this second round, is that the centre votes in Italy are moving to support of the Right and that the Communist vote, far from having suffered as a result of the bitter anti-Left campaign, and of "deviationism" within the Communist ranks, is still on the increase.

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THE fact that the Communists have everywhere maintained, and frequently increased, their voting strength has caused some alarm in Church circles throughout Italy and may result in a further modification of the Vatican's policy in relation to the general East-West conflict. Ildefonso, Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, had instructed the clergy of his Archiepiscopal See to warn the faithful that abstention from voting in the Municipal Elections would rank as a mortal sin and that votes should be given only to those parties prepared to defend the rights of the Church and to protect religious freedom. This did not prevent Milan from giving more votes to the Communists and Nenni Socialists than in 1948. Where the Church failed, the Emilian deputies, Cucchi and Magnani, who recently resigned from the Communist Party and began what was thought to be a serious split, failed also, since in their territory the Party not only increased its vote but also kept its majority. On the whole, the success of the anti-Communist bloc in gaining control thanks to the pooled votes, has been gravely offset by the evidence of Communism's numerical advance.

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Russia Replies To Deputies

PARIS, Monday (AP). — Russia today agreed to meet the Western Powers in a Foreign Ministers' Conference at Washington on July 23 on condition that they discuss the North Atlantic Pact and U.S. bases overseas.

Western officials said that the wording of the acceptance was "tantamount to a rejection" of the West's offer to meet the Soviet Foreign Minister in Washington.

The Soviet Embassy took the unusual step of calling a news conference, where Attache Arkady Kasanski stood beneath a portrait of Stalin and read the following statement in French: "At the meeting of the deputies of the Foreign Ministers on June 4, M. Gromyko, Representative of the USSR, in reply to the notes from the U.S., Great Britain and France of May 31, gave the representatives of the Western Powers a note of the Soviet government the contents of what are as follows:

Meeting Necessary

"The Soviet government considers now as it did previously that it is necessary and useful to have a prompt meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Four Powers to discuss the most important questions concerning the liquidation of the tense situation in Europe and the consolidation of peace.

"However, the Soviet government believes that it would be inappropriate to suspend the conference of deputies in Paris, and that the deputies must have the possibility of continuing their work of drawing the agenda for the Council of Foreign Ministers and of including in the agenda the question of the Atlantic Pact and the military bases of the U.S. overseas as a non-agreed point.

"The Soviet government considered that a frank discussion of the question of bases and the Atlantic Pact, which was the essential cause of the worsening of relations between the USSR and the Three Powers, would lessen considerably the atmosphere of tension in Europe and would facilitate the work of the Conference of Foreign Ministers."

The Soviet government would be ready to send its representative without delay to the Conference of the Council of Foreign Ministers at Washington, if these points are included, the note said.

Asked whether M. Gromyko had said anything not in the text, M. Kasanski answered:

"No, you see our replies are short."

Terrorist Leader Arrested; Iran Defers Action on Oil

TEHERAN, Monday, (UP).—While Teheran and much of the world was smiling over the "diplomatic comedy of errors" revealed by Radio Teheran yesterday, police last night arrested Seyed Navad Safavi, 27-year-old leader of the terrorist Fidayan Islam, the organization responsible for the assassination of Premier Ali Razmara. Less than a month ago, Safavi, in an implied threat to Premier Mossadeq, warned that "there were still others who must be pushed down the steep incline to hell."

Reliable sources here said today that Dr. Mossadeq and the Iranian oil commission board have decided to delay indefinitely the actual take-over of the nationalized oil industry pending discussions with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. No confirmation of the report could be obtained, however.

Last night, Safavi, dressed as a woman and wearing a veil, aroused the suspicion of the police by walking heavily like a man, and was accosted, recognized and arrested. He was carrying a large volume of the Koran.

Safavi, a small, smiling man with a wispy beard and a moustache, boasted recently that police would never arrest him because "there are 5,000 people who would immediately give their life at my command."

Newspapers all over the world meanwhile were hailing the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's decision to send a delegation to Teheran described by the "New York Times" as meeting Persian demands "three-quarters of the way." Prospects for an amicable solution were generally considered to be far better now, despite the official confirmation that Premier Mossadeq was handed by mistake a letter from President Truman meant for Prime Minister Atlee. Matters were confused by the fact that the letter was written in such a manner that it might well have been addressed to Dr. Mossadeq.

'Delivery Mix-up'

The State Department explained in Washington today that the error had resulted from a delivery mix-up. The U.S. Ambassador in Teheran, Dr. Henry Grady, was expecting a message for Premier Mossadeq, but received a copy of the message to Mr. Attlee first. The Ambassador assumed it was the message to Premier Mossadeq, and forthwith delivered it.

Then the real message for Dr. Mossadeq came through. Dr. Grady promptly passed along the message, explaining what had happened. Later in Teheran, Dr. Grady told correspondents: "I have confessed my error to the Shah and he did not take it very seriously. I don't think the British are particularly disturbed, either," he added.

Crack U.K. Brigade Leaves for Cyprus

PORTSMOUTH, Monday (Reuter). — The 3-4,000 men of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade, suddenly alerted three weeks ago, boarded two British aircraft carriers here today for Cyprus, to reinforce the garrison there.

The carriers will sail early tomorrow.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday refused a further stay of execution for the seven convicted Red spy suspects.

Beersheba's Quiet Poll

STOP PRESS: 3.00 a.m.

Official results of the Beersheba Municipal Council Elections were as follows:

Party	Votes	Seats
Histadrut	720	9
Religious Bloc	395	5
Mapam	306	3
General Zionists	150	1
Herut	90	0
Yemenites	22	0
Communists	31	0

BEERSHEBA, Monday.—By 11 o'clock this evening some 1,900 of the town's electorate of 3,400 had cast their ballots in the first municipal elections here. The balloting for 13 Municipal Councillors took place in three polls, located in the mosque, the cultural centre, and the kindergarten of the new town, where voting continued into the night by lamp-light.

Queues began to form at five this morning, and at seven the first vote was cast by Sgan-Aloof Michael Hanegbi, former Military Governor here and Beersheba's "first citizen." By 9, when pressure slowed down due to the intense heat, 20 per cent of those eligible had voted.

Scores of vehicles have been pressed into service to help bring voters to the polls from as far away as the valley south of the Dead Sea where Arab voters live. Reservists now doing their army service were also brought to the town to cast their votes.

Few Incidents

Police reinforcements brought in to maintain order had a relatively easy time of it, the election having come off with a few minor incidents.

Beduin in town on business were curious onlookers, among them Sheikh Sulemein and his sons in their eight-cylinder Buick.

Mayor David Tuviahu intervened early today to obtain the release of the Secretary of the local General Zionist Party, who had been arrested by military police at three a.m. today for having failed to report for reserves' duty.

The councillors are to be chosen from among seven lists. The Histadrut list is headed by the present Mayor, Mr. David Tuviahu, who is also Solel Boneh's manager in the Negev. Another Solel Boneh official, Mr. Uri Shlomo, heads the Mapam list. Mr. Y. Yedidieh, a new immigrant from Britain who is a doctor at the Hadassah hospital here, heads the General Zionist list.

ARAB REPORT ON ISRAEL ARMS

Arab sources learn that Israel received 40 Sherman tanks during the last few months, according to the leading Cairo daily, "Al Ahram."

Israel also received two shipments of heavy equipment and fighter planes the paper claims, and light equipment is being shipped from France in Greek and Israel vessels to Haifa.

Shipments of Czech automatic arms made in 1946 also arrived, according to the report.

Locally, Israel is producing grenades and sten-guns and has a number of U.S. and U.K. military trainers for the Israel Army, "Al Ahram" reports. Large numbers of troops allegedly assembled in the Negev area include a Druse brigade, the report ends.

U.K. Gov't Claims Rights in Iran

LONDON, Monday (UP). — The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said today he had informed Iran that the British Government did not accept the contention that the Iranian oil dispute was a matter solely between Iran and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Mr. Morrison made his statement as the 16th Parachute Brigade started for Cyprus and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company conferred on the appointment of a commission to go to Iran later this week. He made it clear that the British Government was not abdicating its claims in the matter. "On the contrary, the British Government has every right to intervene because of the great British interests in Iran and, moreover, because they have an important interest in the matter by reason of their majority holding in the company," Mr. Morrison said.

U.N. Troops Beat Off Counter-Attacks

TOKYO, Monday (AP). — U.N. troops fighting through driving rain towards the main Communist redoubt in North Korea beat off savage counter-attacks today. In some sectors the Allies gained as much as five kms. but stood still in others.

Artillery thundered above the sound of hand grenades as the U.N. forces threw back the Communist thrusts, which had attacked all the threatening Allied spearheads.

U.N. officers said the offensive appeared to be reaching the main enemy defence line.

On the eastern front, Chinese troops fought from heavily constructed fortifications built by the North Koreans before the war broke, and over which foliage had grown in natural camouflage. The Chinese waited until the advancing Americans came unsuspecting by within a few yards, then opened up. The Americans burned them out with flame throwers.

FRONTIER CLASH

For the second time in a month a Syrian-Lebanese frontier clash has occurred, resulting in the injury of several persons, NEARS reports.

The latest incident occurred this week, resulting in a Syrian protest to Lebanon against the alleged incursion of Lebanese frontier patrols into Syria. After an exchange of fire lasting several hours, Syrian Army units repulsed the Lebanese, according to A.N.A.

Kaplan to Report On Oil Investors

POST Reporter

It is expected that the Finance Minister, Mr. E. Kaplan, will give a detailed report to the Cabinet on the prospects of interesting private investors in experimental oil drillings in Israel, after his arrival from America, reliable sources disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. Kaplan will leave the U.S., where he has participated in the Independence Bond drive, on June 7. He will fly to France and from there fly to Israel. He is expected to arrive on June 14.

It is also expected that shortly after Mr. Kaplan's return the questions of exploiting Dead Sea minerals, and the Potash Company's concession will also be discussed by the Cabinet.

Expansion, Inflation Marked 1950

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A picture of physical expansion and monetary inflation in Israel's economy was revealed in the Anglo-Palestine Bank's balance sheet for 1950 published here today.

The statement will be presented in London tomorrow to the 49th meeting of ordinary share holders. The report for 1951 will be made out in the name of the successor establishment, the Bank Leumi le'Israel B.M., and will include the first four months of 1951, before the new bank was formed.

The inflationary trends were most apparent in two sets of figures

1) Loans rose from just under IL.80m. in 1949 to almost IL.45m. last year, an increase of about 50 per cent. About IL.10m of this sum was provided by the Government for various institutions and public bodies;

2) Bank notes in circulation rose sharply from about IL.38m. to IL.77m. This represents the value of additional Government land bonds and treasury bills which the Issue Department of the bank was forced to take up.

Signs of expansion in Israel's economy are to be noted in the increased deposits (IL.75m. to IL.80m.) and, most indicative, by the rise in the Bank's total assets from IL.87m. to IL.112.5m. Part of this increase must also be ascribed to inflation.

An increase of from IL7m. to IL.12m. in credits opened abroad by individuals can be interpreted in either light.

The Bank's profits for 1950 were IL.364,939 as compared with IL.333,850 in 1949. A dividend of 4.5 per cent has been paid on preference shares, and an interim dividend of 13 per cent on the ordinary shares. Mr. S. Hoofien, Chairman of the Bank's Board of Directors, points out in his statement that the Bank has succeeded in paying an average annual dividend of nine per cent and has added almost IL1m. to the reserve funds.

Hope Abandoned For Israel Plane

NEW YORK, Monday (INA) — All hope of finding the missing Israel cargo plane, a converted Mosquito, which disappeared after taking off from Goose Bay, Labrador, air base, en route to Israel, has been abandoned and the search discontinued.

The plane had been believed to have crash-landed near an Eskimo village but no traces of it nor of the two Americans who were its crew have been found.

Egyptian Senator Deplores Israel War

By a Special Correspondent

Foreign Minister Salah e-Din's failure to consult the Egyptian Parliament before leaving for the Arab League sessions in Damascus was severely censured recently by Senator Abdul el-Salam el Shazli Pasha, in which the Senator opposed the entanglement of Egypt in the Israel-Syria dispute, "Akhbar el-Yom" reported recently.

"I should have thought," the Senator wrote, "that Your Excellency would be sobered by the harm done to Egypt by her precipitate entrance into the Palestine war."

Declaring that it had been expected that the Minister would consult Parliament before his departure, Shazli Pasha remarked that his anxiety over the outcome of the trip was intensified by the fact "that those who had been responsible for the Palestine tragedy were restored to their positions." He understood, however, that Salah e-Din would discuss all developments on the Parliament floor on his return from Damascus.

Arab Commanders End Bludan Talks

The Arab Commanders-in-Chief concluded their three-day conference at Bludan and Damascus on Monday afternoon, NEABS reports from Damascus, but all decisions have been kept secret.

Earlier during the day the various sub-committees concluded their discussions and presented their recommendations to the council. It was decided to set up a permanent committee composed of representatives of the Chiefs of Staff of the six Arab countries, excluding Jordan, to carry out the council's decisions and supervise the military situation.

Meanwhile the second shipment of the promised Egyptian aid to Syria arrived by sea from Alexandria.

In Cairo, the newspaper "Al Ahram" said that the transfer of Iraqi troops and planes to Syria recently had come as a great surprise to the Arab League's Political Committee, and that the members were very concerned at the action.

Knesset Calm Restored As Fiery Motions Fail

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

The two hotly-debated Knesset issues in which members of the government had over the past fortnight faced a formidable ad hoc right-and-left coalition, unexpectedly collapsed at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset.

Firstly, when the House was ready to vote on the constitutional point of the Knesset's authority to issue executive orders to the Government, a motion was instead proposed and passed that the issue should be shelved until after the elections. Then, just before the vote on motions to release suspected members of the *Brit Kanaim* held under administrative order, Acting Premier Moshe Sharett disclosed that all detainees had already either been brought up for trial under the normal procedure or released.

Thus the two issues which had been hotly pressed in the House for the past fortnight and had held up work on an urgent legislative programme disintegrated in an anti-climax. A seven-member parliamentary committee will meet, however, to investigate charges that the detainees had been abused by guards in the Jalameh detention camp near Yagur. The committee comprises Messrs. Herzl Berger and David Hacohen (Mapai), Mrs. Hanna Lamdan (Mapam), Dr. Zerah Warhaftig (Orthodox Bloc), Dr. Yohanan Bader (Herut), Mr. Yosef Saphir (General Zionists) and Dr. Abraham Granott (Progressive).

Earlier, last week's debate was wound up with the passage of the following resolution, proposed by Mapam:

"The Knesset demands that the Government expedite measures to eradicate the sect which has been sabotaging and threatening the life of the State and its institutions, under a cloak of religion.

"The Knesset demands that the Government should bring to trial the detainees charged with these deeds."

The latter part of this resolution was milder than counter proposals by the Religious Bloc, Herut and the Communists in that it did not demand the release of those suspects against whom there was no legal evidence. It was passed by 61 to 14, Mapai, Wizo, part of the Progressives and Sephardim and Mr. Eri Jabotinsky (Herut dissident) voting with Mapam, and the Religious Bloc, the Yemenites and some of the Herut members opposing it.

Orthodox Bloc tried to block the vote on the first part of the resolution containing a censure of the zealots on the ground that the matter was *sub judice*. The Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, said that those members who felt it was *sub judice* could indicate their attitude in the vote, and Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen was subsequently seen to abstain.

The atmosphere in the House was tense when the Speaker announced that the House would vote on the much-debated two issues, and until Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, the Orthodox Bloc's legal specialist, proposed that no action should be taken on the constitutional question in the final weeks of the Knesset's tenure. He said this was a fundamental issue which should be dealt with by legislation and not by resolutions in a heated atmosphere. The point must be settled on its merits, and not in a political debate.

This was in effect what Mr. Sprinzak had proposed a fortnight ago, before the House had begun a long debate on the subject. The

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House Backs Cabinet On Huleh Work

The Knesset by a large majority yesterday declared that: "*The Knesset expresses regret at the Security Council's decision and supports the Government in its stand for the sovereignty of Israel in the demilitarised zone and for the right to bring the Huleh drainage plan to total fruition.*" The vote was 51 to 23.

The House thus endorsed Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's policy of protecting Israel's rights in the disputed zone and respecting the United Nations. The motion was introduced by Mr. Meir Argov (Mapai). It was supported by Mapai, the Progressives and the Sephardim and opposed by Herut, the Communists and Mr. Yalin-Mor (Fighters). Mapam and the Religious Bloc abstained.

The House then defeated a series of motions by left and right-wing factions calling upon the Government to defy the U.N. Security Council's resolution of May 18, and to continue the drainage operations in the demilitarized zone.

Called Violation

1. Mapam's motion denounced the Security Council resolution as a violation of Israel's sovereignty, an attempt to sabotage a national development project, a breach of the armistice agreement and "another example of imperialist policy to appease aggressors and to encourage war-mongers;" called upon the Government to resume the drainage of the Huleh without regard to U.N. pressure; denounced the Government's "subjugation" to American policy and calling for a policy of independence; praising the stand of the border settlements; and calling for a reexamination of the army structure and the security set-up on the borders.
2. Herut's motion called for an enquiry into the failure of the Government to obtain satisfaction in the Security Council; an outright rejection of the order to stop the drainage; steps to remove U.N. Observers.
3. The General Zionists' motion blamed the Government's policy for the setback and objected that the Knesset and the Foreign Affairs Committee had not been consulted.
4. The Communists' motion called for non-recognition of the demilitarized zones, the Palestine Conciliation Commission, the U.N. Observers, and denounced the Government, for submitting to the Security Council order.

Economic Control Laws Extended

A measure extending until December 31 the Defence Regulations of 1939, the source of the Government's power to impose economic and fiscal controls, passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

These regulations, which expire on June 10, are not to be confused with the Emergency (Defence) Regulations of 1945 which the House condemned a fortnight ago as "contrary to democratic principles." The 1939 regulations were similar to those enacted in Great Britain and deal with economic matters arising from the outbreak of World War II.

Six Months Asked

They had expired last December 31 but were extended by the House until June 10 to enable the Government to obtain passage of alternative legislation. The Government, however, has not completed its programme and asked for another six months' time.

The position is that one bill empowering the Government to control patents and designs has become law. Other measures dealing with rent restrictions, controls of supplies and services and the protection of state lands from squatters have passed their first readings.

Bills providing for control of foreign exchange, imports and exports are ready for action in the House.

When all these bills are written into the legal code, the Government will be ready to allow the Defence Regulations to lapse.

In the debate yesterday, it was clear that the House would grant the extension but it appeared that some regulations such as that empowering the Postmaster-General to disconnect telephone lines would be dropped outright.

Mr. Rosen said the Government in any case was not using this and other measures and would not object to their cancellation.

Compromise on Mapam Stand

By a Special Correspondent

The 954 Mapam delegates concluded their Second National Conference in Haifa at 4.30 yesterday morning with their organizational unity as a "Zionist Pioneering and Socialist Party" intact, but with all the previously existing ideological differences still unresolved.

Determined not to break up the Party, both the Shomer Hatzair majority and the Ahdut Ha'avoda minority avoided intransigence and strove to formulate a party programme in language acceptable, as much as possible, to all elements. They compromised on issues, such as the "territorial character" of the Party, which in the Shomer Hatzair platform accords the Arabs the rights and obligations of the Jewish citizens of "revolutionary Israel," including that of gathering in the exiles. Instead of demanding immediate changes, the compromise platform comes out for establishing the conditions which will eventually bring these changes about.

Instead of direct political affiliation with the "revolutionary workers' camp," as demanded by Hashomer Hatzair, there will be "political orientation" in that direction. A resolution that Israel workers would never fight the Soviet Union was passed unanimously amidst great applause.

The conference laid down the following conditions for Mapam's joining a coalition government: no military bases for foreign powers; no foreign control or command of the Army; no assistance to the war efforts of foreign powers; no political, military or economic alliances with any foreign power and no acceptance of foreign loans, grants or technical aid that has political strings attached.

Damascus Plans Hebrew Broadcasts

Damascus Radio will shortly begin broadcasts in Hebrew, the Near East Arabic Broadcasting Station reports.

A "Kol Israel" broadcast also reported that a Jordan journalist had urged Hebrew broadcasts over Radio Ramallah, in order "to improve Israel-Jordan relations." Almost a year ago, it was reported that Radio Ramallah was planning such a Hebrew session, but had found great difficulties in obtaining a suitable announcer.

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A farewell reception for Mr. A. Kubovy, new Israel Minister to Czechoslovakia, was given yesterday in the Eden Hotel in Jerusalem by the World Jewish Council. Among those present were Mr. J. Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset; Dr. P. Nevas, Czechoslovak Consul-General in Jerusalem; members of the Knesset, including Mr. M. Argov, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Dr. A. Biran, the District Representative.

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Dr. D.W. Senator, Executive Vice-President of the Hebrew University, is leaving the U.S. for Switzerland where he will recuperate after his recent operation.

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Mr. David Hacohen, Knesset member, returned from Paris by Air France yesterday after a three-day visit.

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Mr. Ged Frumkin returned to Jerusalem this morning from an extended trip abroad.

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Miss I. Chagall, daughter of Marc Chagall whose works are now being exhibited in Jerusalem, left by Air France yesterday for Paris to join her father with whom she is expected to return here early in July in time for the opening of his exhibition in Tel Aviv.

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Mr. B. Gershman, editor of the "Yiddishe Afrikaner Zeitung," of Johannesburg, the only Yiddish newspaper in South Africa, arrived yesterday accompanied by his wife.

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Dr. K. Mendelsohn, Director of Customs and Excise, left for Rome yesterday.

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An interview by Mr. Henry Recanati, General Manager of the Palestine Discount Bank Ltd., on the subject of "Dollar-Linked Savings Bonds," will be broadcast by Kol Israel at 8.40 this evening.

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The premiere performance of Saint-Saens' opera, "Samson and Delilah," by the Hebrew National Opera, will take place at the Habimah Hall in Tel Aviv at 8.30 tonight. Edia de Philippe will sing the role of "Delilah," and M. Golinkin will conduct.

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A general meeting of Wizo members will take place at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow at the Wizo School (Wingate Avenue) Haifa.

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BIRTH

KOBLER — To Ruth (née Pardes) wife of Ing. A. Kobler, 109 Panorama Rd., Haifa, on June 3, at the Elisha Hospital — a daughter, Dorit.

AUSTRALIA WIZO LEADERS FETED

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Wizo leaders from Australia were the guests at luncheon given by the Wizo Executive at its Tel Aviv club yesterday.

They included Mrs. Harris Cohen, president of the Australian Wizo Federation, and member of the Australian Zionist Organization Executive and of the Board of Deputies there; Miss Elsa London, Honorary Treasurer of the Federation, and Mrs. S. Goldman, all of Sydney; Mrs. N. Solomon, President of Wizo, Adelaide; Mrs. Rachel Saks, of the Melbourne Wizo State Council, and Mrs. F. Korsunski, Vice-President of Wizo, Perth.

THEOLOGY STUDENTS HISTADRUT GUESTS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A group of students, most of them from Scandinavian countries, who are now studying at the Swedish Theological Institute in Jerusalem, were the guests of the Histadrut here today.

The students were received at the Vaad Hapoel by Mr Reuven Barkatt (Burstein) and later were shown the Max Fein Trade School and Kupat Holim institutions. They lunched at the Histadrut workers' school and visited Histadrut housing and institutions in Holon in the afternoon.

CHAGALL EXHIBITION

To cope with the unprecedented attendance at the Chagall exhibit, the Bezalel Museum will be open throughout this month from 9 to 1 and 3 to 8 on weekdays, from 9 to 1 on Fridays, and from 10 to 1 on Saturdays. Guided tours will be held for the general public at six o'clock Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and at 11 o'clock on Saturday mornings. Special tours for teachers will be conducted at 4 o'clock on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Hebrew National
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Tonight, at 8.30.
HAIFA: Armon
Thursday, June 7, 9 p.m.
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Stage Designer: P. Levy
Choreography: G. Pichon
General Manager: I. Mordinovski

Foreign Economic Notes

Billion a Year for Development

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development should set itself the objective, to be reached within the next five years, of lending one billion dollars annually to under-developed countries, the five independent experts appointed by the Secretary-General of the U.N. have recommended. Their report also proposes the creation of a United Nations International Development Authority to help countries in their development programmes; and the establishment of an International Finance Corporation authorized to make loans to private enterprise without government guarantees. The group of experts who met in New York was headed by Mr. George Hakim, Counsellor to the Lebanese Legation in Washington.

British Trade Deficit Widens

Prices of goods imported into the United Kingdom in April cost £311.8m. more than the average for 1950, an increase by 34 per cent, although the volume was only 7 per cent greater. In spite of record exports, amounting to £230m. in April, the adverse visible trade balance was £95.7m. in March and £70.2m. in April, compared with a monthly average of £30.6m. in 1950.

Marks and Spencer's Record Profits

Trading profits of Marks and Spencer, one of Britain's leading chain stores (chairman, Sir Simon Marks) for the year ending March were about £7.5m., 30 per cent higher than last year. Net profit was £2.5m., an increase of £436,162, after providing for taxation of £3.5m. (£2.8m.), depreciation of £733,044 (£687,822), and repairs of £520,597 (£505,732). General reserve was increased by £505,321. Dividend on Ordinary and "A" Ordinary Shares will be 75 per cent, less tax, plus a share bonus at the rate of 1 to 45.

Wool Price Plan Agreed

A plan for setting up a new organization to maintain a reserve price for wool has been agreed between Britain and the three wool-producing Dominions, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. It is contingent on the result of a plebiscite, expected to be held shortly, among Australian wool growers.

Under the scheme a price stabilization fund of £64m. would be created. It would be used to buy-in wool when the market price fell below the reserve price which will be well below present market prices.

This reserve price will be fixed yearly at the beginning of each season. The scheme is intended to operate for five years.

The new organization is to have a committee in each Dominion and a central controlling authority in London, on which Britain and all the wool-producing Dominions would be represented.

Rail Plan for Egypt

A three-year plan for the improvement of the Egyptian State Railways at a cost of £12m. is being considered by the Ministry of Communications. The plan provides for the extension of the Helwan line to Safa and its electrification, and the construction of new lines near the Western borders, in Upper Egypt, and in the Eastern and Northern Delta. Lines are also planned on the borders of Egypt and the Sudan.

Sudan's Record Trade

In both 1949 and 1950 all previous records were broken for both exports and imports, it was reported at a recent meeting of the Sudan Chamber of Commerce.

For 1949 the value of exports and re-exports was L.E.32m. against L.E.28m. in 1950. For these years the value of imports was respectively L.E.33,870,000 and L.E. 36,764,000. Much of the surplus accrued to the Government, and was utilized for the purchase of the assets of the two cotton companies, the financing of development, and the strengthening of reserves.

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Special Announcement
Film Shows of Life in Israel presented daily at our Head Office Auditorium from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. will be discontinued from Tuesday, June 5 till Friday, June 8, 1951 inclusive.
The public is cordially invited to inspect the "Truth of Israel" Exhibition, on view at our Head Office auditorium, on Thursday and Friday, June 7 and 8, 1951 from 8 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Moslems Begin Ramadhan Today

By Gideon Weigert

The holy month of Ramadhan this year, the 1,370th since the Hijra of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina, will be observed by Israel's 125,000 Moslems, beginning today, with greater satisfaction than in previous years. During the month Moslems fast during the day and feast at night.

Much has been accomplished since last Ramadhan to provide adequate religious services to the community although much yet remains to be done.

The religious officials which now number about 180, are headed by Israel's four Kadis and include sheikhs, Imams, preachers, muezzins and mosque ushers and gardeners. The four Sharia courts have already heard more than 2,000 religious cases.

Continuing the tradition of distributing special food rations, Israel's Moslem population will be given extra rice, sugar and coffee rations to enrich the nightly after-fast meals.

The Ministry for Religious Affairs has for the first time published a printed prayer and fast schedule which indicates the fast and feast hours according to Israel summer time.

Kol Israel's Arabic section will broadcast three special Ramadhan programmes from the El Jazar Mosque in Acre and the El Jurelneh Mosque in Haifa. One of the programmes, which will be transmitted nightly, will present the customary after-fast Ramadhan celebration with its special prayers, songs and recitations.

During the month, Sheikh Amin el Habash, Kadi of the "Triangle," will deliver Ramadhan Friday noon sermons in the major mosques in the "Triangle" villages.

Special services will be conducted for Moslem prisoners, whose working hours will be reduced during the month.

Blackout on Egypt Army News Asked

The Egyptian Minister of War, Mohammed Nasrat Pasha, has asked the Cabinet to approve measures enforcing a complete security blackout on military matters, according to Baghdad Radio.

It was also reported that Nasrat Pasha had requested an increased budget for the import of military equipment and provisions.

ON THE AIR

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.45 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music; R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.10 a.m. Popular Loan Drawing (broadcast from "Ohel-Shem," Tel Aviv). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Consumers Co-operatives. 13.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Classical Requests. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Siesta (R). 4.50 Piano Recital: Shmuel Serebriski. 4.45 "Legends" by Dr. E. Oiswanger. 5.00 Vocal Recital: Imre Haydu. 5.30 Recital: Sascha Parnes, Moshe Lustig & W.A. Schocken. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 "News in the Arab World" by M. Kapeliuk. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 "Let's Play" by M. Akavia. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Guest Talk. 9.00 Kol Israel Orchestra: Conductor: Michael Taube: Suite from "Orpheus" (Gluck); Concerto for Piano and Orchestra (Mozart); Variations on a Theme by Frank Bridge (Britten). 10.00 Interlude. 10.30 Dance Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.1 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (31.2 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel. 12.30 J.N.F. Cavalcade.

BBC. HEBREW BROADCASTS (19.91 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Visitors' Corner. 7.50 Science Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (330, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Works by Tchaikowsky. 7.00 Air Force Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Offenbach. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 9.00 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 9-9.30 p.m. (12.85, 16.83, 17.01 & 19.07 M. from U.S.A.; 19.63 & 25.36 from Tangiers).

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Noted Violinist Here for Tour

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. (ITIM). — Tossy Spivakovsky, the noted violinist, arrived here by T.W.A. this morning for a series of concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. He was accompanied by his wife Erica, an author who is engaged in writing a novel on life in the Venice Ghetto in the 16th century.

Mr. Spivakovsky, born in Russia in 1907, studied music in Germany but left for Austria immediately after the Nazis came to power. He went to the U.S. in 1941, and his present trip is his first tour abroad since then.

Mr. Spivakovsky

At the Airport building the violinist chatted briefly with M. Paul Paray, the French conductor, who, with his wife, was about to leave after conducting a series of concerts with the I.P.O. He is bound for a South American tour, before going on to the U.S.

M. Paray has been invited to appear again with the I.P.O. next year.

10 DIE IN TEXAS PLANE CRASH

TEXARKANA, Texas, Monday (Reuter). — Ten people were killed yesterday when a Fairchild plane exploded and crashed near New Boston, 37 kms. west of here. The wreckage was scattered over a wide area. Police said the plane was apparently struck by lightning.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 3-8: Chagall Exhibition (oils, drawings, engravings, ceramics); Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Graphics & Etchings by South Californian artists; Works by Mrs. Glika; Artists House.

11-1: 'Cezanne to Picasso' Exhibition of Prints; New Bezalel School.

8.30 p.m.: Lecture (in French) by Marcelle Berr de Turique: "Notre Chagall a tous;" Bezalel Museum.

TEL AVIV

3-8 p.m.: Retrospective Exhibition Albert Marquet; Tel Aviv Museum.

8.30 p.m.: "Juno & the Peacock;" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

6 p.m.: Opening of an exhibition of oil paintings by Mokady; Mikra Studio, 56 Rehov Allenby.

HAIFA

9 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

RADERA

9 p.m.: Moishe Oisher; Hof Hall.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

Nurlan, Tur., Gen. Cargo. Cement. Rio Lujan, Arg., Frozen Meat. Transilvania, Rum., Passengers, Household Effects, Kemmuit, Is., Wood. Nestor, Dut. Gen. Cargo. Ag. Nicolaos, Gr., Chalk. Grecian, Br., Gen. Cargo. Ilsano, Pan., Wheat China Bear, U.S., Gen. Cargo. Wood. Clelia Campanella, It., Aghios Nicolaos, Gr., Wood. Sadikhar, Tur., Gen. Cargo. Semik, Tur., Gen. Cargo. Steel Ranger, U.S., Soya. Montrealer, Br., Waiting to Offload. Dromik, Is., Wood. Megalochari, Pan., Gen. Cargo. Marchetto, It. Bundas, Tur., Compl. Unloading. Hanah Szenes, Is., Compl. Unloading. Hamered, Is., Bags.

SHIPS EXPECTED

4.6 Venerator, Wood. Hashkosha, Gen. Cargo. Samoland, Frozen Fish. Milk-Powder. Marchlewski, Gen. Cargo. Machines. Beta, Gen. Cargo. Strangia, Household Effects. Redmark, Immigrants. Mail, Gen. Cargo. Assimina, General.

5.6 Steel Seafarer, Mail, Gen. Cargo. Salina, Gen. Cargo. Blagoy Kassabov, Coal.

6.6 Sunnasland, Bagged Cargo.

10.6 Mastered, Gen. Cargo, Cement, Coal.

12.6 William H. Carruth, Dura.

At the Cinema

THE plot and production of "Nancy Goes to Rio" (Ophir, Tel Aviv) were doubtless contrived for teen-age consumption with Jean Powell competing with her mother not only for the same man, but for the lead in a stage production. For anyone over 12, and for lovers of musicals, the story and the comical accidents appear rather trivial, and the songs banal.

Berlin Atmosphere

"THE Great Lift" (Mograbi) tells the story of two American Air Force pilots and their courtship of two frauleins in ruined Berlin while the city is being blockaded by the Russians and the airlift is roaring over the roofs of the capital. The excellent documentary photography showing the atmosphere of Berlin's Tempelhof airport and life in the city on the one hand, and the characterization of "bad" and "good" frauleins on the other give the film an original and informative quality. Occasionally, however, it is much too verbose to sustain the audience's interest. Montgomery Clift, Paul Douglas and the two German actresses give first-rate performances.

Mo.

Film Without Stars

"SEVEN Days to Noon" (Armon, Haifa) marks a return to the classic style of British cinema. — the story that depends on documentary detail for its essential interest, without marshalling an army of stars.

The story of a madman's attempt to destroy the heart of London with an atomic bomb maintains the audience's interest despite the fact that the villain is known from the start.

Beyond the constant development and gripping action, its fascinating glimpses of London, intimate insights into the mechanism of Government faced by crisis, but maintaining a calm exterior, and, above all, the studies of different types — police, landladies, worn-out actresses, bus-drivers and soldiers. "Seven Days to Noon" is a model of its kind.

H.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3.30, 7, 9 p.m.

EDEN: Father of the Bride. Also today at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: Gone to Earth.
ORION: Carnegie Hall (7 & 9 p.m.).
SEMADAR: Almadi Almagrhul (3, 7, 9 p.m.).
STUDIO: The Bicycle Thief.
ZION: Dark Past.

Haifa Cinemas

GAN YAM (Bat Galim): Deception (8.30 p.m.).

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UNIVERSITY MEET TECHNION

Hebrew University athletes travelled to Haifa over the week-end and, in a two-day programme, over Friday and Saturday, faced the Haifa Technion rivals in a four-sports meet: basketball, handball, volleyball and table tennis.

The H.U. sides downed their old rivals for the first time since the meetings started and gained the honours in three of the sports. The meetings between these rival seats of learning in Israel are to become a regular feature of their life and will be held annually. The bodies are due to face each other in light athletics and soccer in Jerusalem at the end of this week or the beginning of next.

Of the three wins the most creditable for the University was in the handball encounter, when they pulled narrowly ahead to lead 6-5 and hold it. The H.U. led 4-2 at the interval but Technion made up the leeway to lead 5-4 ten minutes from the end. The visitors equalized to five-all, five minutes before the close and snatched the advantage in the very closing minute.

The Haifa team gained a clear cut win by 5-0 in the table tennis meeting, but the University had it easy at volleyball with a 2-0 win, the games going at 15/7, 15/12, with a harder struggle at basketball where they turned a 13-14 half-time deficit into a 30-26 victory in the second period. (M.F.)

BASKETBALL FOR JERUSALEM YOUTH

The Y.M.C.A. has organized an "Open" Youth Basketball League for Jerusalem for two groups, (boys) up to 16 and between 16-18, to commence at the end of this week. The local Hapoel and Maccabi clubs are taking part, Hapoel providing two teams in the 16-18 class, and from three to five in the younger section, and Maccabi and the "Y" one each to each section.

AUSTRIANS SURPRISE SCOTS

The Austrian National soccer side thrashed the Scottish eleven by four goals to none in an international football match in Vienna last week.

The Austrians led by 1-0 at the end of the first half of an exciting, fast - moving game. The local right half Herbert Hanappi, scored for Austria in the 43rd. minute of play in Vienna's Prater Stadium.

Local sports observers claimed the Austrian team was superior in skill and aggressive play during the first half. The Austrian forwards carried the ball up to 10 times to the Scottish goal, but in each case the Scottish defenders prevented any scoring. The Scots managed to reach the Austrian goal only twice during the first half.

The home side added three more goals in the second period, the last two coming from centre-forward Arthur Wagner, in the 27th and 43rd minutes of the half. The first was from a penalty after right back George Young handled.

A.P.

Billy Steel, currently playing with Dundee in Israel, played at inside left for Scotland and flew straight from Vienna in order to turn out with his side in the first game of the visitors, in which they beat Tel Aviv Maccabi 2-0.

(The Sports Editor regrets that radio interference last week prevented this item appearing before).

Easy Win For "Sugar" Ray

Sugar Ray Robinson sparred with Kid Marcel for four rounds in a fight in Paris earlier this week. When "Sugar" started to get rough in the fifth, the French boxer's handlers quickly threw in the towel.

JERUSALEM WRESTLERS GAIN HAPOEL TITLE

The recently revived wrestling activities of Jerusalem Hapoel gained further triumphs on Friday night when the Capital's champion "grapplers" captured three of the Hapoel country titles for Class B in a tournament at the Y.M.C.A.

The Jerusalem men were entered for the first time in a nation-wide competition. A short time ago they took part in an inter-City event and walked away with all the crowns except one. These local champions, owing to a technical hitch, did not take part in the championships staged in Haifa a few weeks ago so the movement decided that the men would have a fresh chance by competing against the title-holders of the Haifa meet.

RESULTS: Flyweight: Druri Zeev (Tel Aviv) beat Zion Backshi (J'lem) on points. Bantamweight: Mussar Shantor (J'lem) beat Ben Avraham (Haifa) in 9 mins. 30 secs. Featherweight: Babanov (T.A.) beat Pinchas Ovadia (J'lem). Lightweight: Moshe Levy (J'lem) beat David Hirsch (H'fa) in 7 mins. 30 secs. Welterweight: Aaron Orchard (J'lem) beat Yehuda Perets (H'fa) in 5 mins. 23 secs. Middleweight: Itzhak Kauffman (T.A.) beat Itzhak Cohen (J'lem) in a speedy win. Heavyweight: Berkovitch (H'fa) beat E. Yacobov (J'lem) in 3 minutes.

M.F.

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EGGED
during the holiday
Travellers are asked to obtain their tickets several days before the date of their journey in order to avoid crowding and loss of time queueing up. Tickets are on sale at all Egged offices in the country as well as at "Rokoko," Dizengoff Sq., Tel Aviv, "Rokoko," 21 Rehov Allenby, Tel Aviv, "Kalvy," King George Ave., near No. 9 bus stop, Jaffa.

STATE OF ISRAEL
Notices to the Public

TRADE COURSES

The Trades Training Department of the Ministry of Labour, in conjunction with the Tel Aviv Labour Council, is about to open a number of trade finishing courses. Vacancies still exist in the following courses:

a. Metal polishing and galvanization. Six-month evening course.
b. Diamond polishing. Four-month course. Students will be granted subsistence loans during the period of training.

Apply to the Labour Exchange, 19 Rehov Brenner, Tel Aviv, any day except Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m.

EXPERIENCED WIRELESS OPERATORS REQUIRED

The Postmaster General announces that there exist a number of vacancies for experienced wireless operators at the Coastal Wireless Station, Haifa. Applicants should appear in person to the Director of the Station at the Seamen's Registration Office, 82 Derekh Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, on Sunday or Wednesday at 9 a.m.

יותן הבחירות
לכנסת השניה

1. Appeals are now being accepted for mistakes in "Voter's Notice" which have already been sent out to voters in various parts of the country. It appears that a number of them misread the number in their Identity Card marked on the Notice. This number is to be read as follows:
   Numbers generally are made up of six digits while there are four series e.g. Aleph, Bet, Gimmel and Dalet. The letters of the series have been given numerical value i.e. Aleph-1, Bet-2, Gimmel-3, Dalet-4. The place of this number is to the left of the Identity Card (or Voucher) bearing the letter of the Series is to be read as follows: Dalet 315161-4315161, Gimmel 420678-3425678, Aleph 285150-1285150. In such cases the number in the Identity Card generally corresponds and there is no need to make corrections.
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Tel Aviv Port	23	22	25	25
Lydda Airport	24	15	28	29
Jerusalem	19	14	28	24
Beersheba	30	—	39	30

Forecast: Party cloudy, becoming fair.
*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxima, yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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The 1,000th birth in the Beersheba Hadassah Hospital on Sunday was twins, born to Mrs. Fortuna Haute, 25, a new immigrant from Tripoli, now living in a tent in a ma'abara on the outskirts of the town.

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About 445 feet of leather in various colours were discovered in the shop of a Tel Aviv merchant this week and confiscated..... Another leather merchant, who had reputedly sold about 1,000 kilograms of leather without a permit during the last several months, was arrested in Tel Aviv this week.

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Fire Brigades from Rehovot and Rishon le'Zion and troops were called out to fight a fire which broke out in an abandoned grove between Sarafand and Be'er Ya'acov yesterday. The damage is thought to be small.

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A pharmacy must maintain accurate scales, the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court ruled yesterday, when it fined the Schleien Pharmacy there IL.25 for overcharging on medicine. The two owners were also fined IL.25 each. The accused had pleaded an error in the scales.

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A 1,500-seat amphitheatre will be opened in Beersheba next week with the presentation of "In the Wastes of the Negev" by Habimah. The Municipality, the Army and the Ministry of Education provided the finances for the construction.

18,000 from Iraq Expected This Month

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM)—It is hoped that the 18,000 Iraqi Jews still waiting to emigrate will be brought to Israel by the end of this month, Jewish Agency officials here said today. Four planes are at present engaged on the airlift, and a fifth is to be returned to service shortly after repairs.

During April, 18,257 immigrants were brought to Israel by air, 312 of them from Persia, Hong Kong and other countries, and the balance from Iraq.

Since May 22, 1,500 newcomers have gone straight from the Airport to their ma'barot in the South.

During May 21,313 persons arrived by air, and 3,712 left through this Airport. There were 700 landings and take-offs here during the month.

1,900 Arrive

HAIFA, Monday. — Nearly 1,300 immigrants from Rumania arrived here this morning in the s.s. Transilvania. Sixty-five families left directly for ma'barot in Hartuv and Tel Yeruham.

This afternoon the s.s. Galilah arrived with more than 600 newcomers from Yugoslavia, among them 23 physicians and 20 engineers. A group of 25 pilgrims from Venezuela was among the passengers in the s.s. Kedmah which also arrived today.

Ration News

Consumers will receive 15 eggs in four weekly rations during June, and 55 grams of egg powder in a single monthly ration

JERUSALEM — Tomatoes: Distribution of 250 grams on A and B cards against 276 continues in zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10; new ration of 200 grams against 227 begins in zones 2, 5, 7. Eggs: 4, Resh 17.

New ration books for the residents of the Talpiot Camp who are registered at Davidka, Shamir, Nissgar, Mamura, Yediot Yitzhak and Wilder's will be distributed today. An exhibit of Shavuot menus will be held at the Strauss Health Centre from 4 to 6 this afternoon.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Sugar: Distribution of April ration ends; distribution of May and half of June ration begins — 1½ kilograms per person, 2½ kilograms on A cards. Rosh 11, temporary 1.

HAIFA AND SAMARIA DISTRICT — Eggs 4, Resh 17; sick persons holding Het-Aleph 21 cards, 8 eggs. Fish 125 grams live fish, zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Zadi 28, temporary, 28; persons in other districts will be issued 175 grams of frozen fish against same coupons. Chicken: Sick persons holding Het-Bet 9, 600 grams. Potatoes: Deadline for two kilograms against Zadi 30 and temporary 23, at the end of this week. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Peh 28, temporary 23; zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9. Bananas: 300 grams, zone 4, Peh 28, temporary 23 — rations must be collected within four days of their arrival at the shop. Grapes: 300 grams, zones 1 and 2, Shin-Aleph 1, temporary 24. Frozen meat: 250 grams, Kuf 27, Kuf 28, Kuf 29, temporary 12, 15, 16; expectant mothers, additional 300 grams; sick persons with Het-Aleph 21, 750 grams, with Het-Gimel 9, one kilogram, with Het-Dalet 1, 500 grams.

TEL AVIV DISTRICT — Chicken: 250 grams in Holon, Mishmar Ha-shiva, and Bat Yam, Shin-Dalet 7, temporary, 23; deadline tomorrow; elderly and sick persons, distribution of 500 grams for sick persons in all districts, and of 250 grams for elderly persons continues in all zones; distribution of 250 grams against Shin-Dalet 7, temporary 28, continues in zone 8 (deadline today in zone 8). Eggs: 4, Resh 17. Tomatoes: distribution continues of 300 grams in all zones and the neighbouring communities against Tav 214, 150 sprutа s' kilogram. Grapes: 150 grams, Tav 212. Bananas: Deadline today for 800-gram ration, A and B cards, in zones 3, 7, 8, against Peh 29, temporary 26. Vegetarians' Rations: 2 kilograms potatoes, 250 grams tomatoes, 300 grams apricots — deadline tomorrow.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — New Ration Books: Tel Litvinsky, today, 3-6 p.m., Cafe Unger, for consumers registered at the Cooperative and Ficmenbaum. Lydda: today, tomorrow and Thursday, 6-10 p.m. at the Histadrut Building. Maine Israel: in camp, 6-10 p.m. next Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Lydda Airport: Next Thursday at the airport.

Beginning tomorrow, the maximum price for cucumbers will be 90 pruta a kilogram for grade A and 60 pruta for grade B.

Personal Notice

With deep sorrow we announce the death on June 1, 1951, of our beloved father

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Zealot Suspect was at Knesset Sessions, Security Guard Says

Eliahu Raful, one of four facing a preliminary inquiry in the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court for treason and various conspiracies, was identified yesterday by Mr. U. Lehrer, Security Officer of the Knesset, as having sat impatiently through two sessions of the Knesset on May 14, and having repeatedly consulted his watch.

The witness stated that persons generally receive entrance tickets to only one Knesset session. Watching Raful from behind, Mr. Lehrer had sent an attendant to question the accused about his ticket; it was made out to Eliahu "Raphael" but did not arouse any suspicion.

Mr. Lehrer testified that according to the prepared Knesset agenda, the induction of women to the Army could very well have come up for discussion on May 14.

The witness also told the Court about materials of which the Knesset is built and the woodwork within the building.

The defence advocate, Mr. N. Brandt, suggested to the witness that he was able to identify Raful at the police station only because he had seen his picture in the press. The advocate also asserted that Raful had not been in the Knesset at all on May 14. Mr. Lehrer emphatically denied both statements.

Magistrate Y. Cohen also heard six more persons testify on the attacks made on their cars. (Five others had given evidence at the Court's last session).

One of the owners, Mr. Y. Anias, of the Rehavia quarter of Jerusalem, also spoke about the attempts to set his butcher shop on fire. He said he suspected the Natorei Karta, and thought it likely that they were the people who had on several occasions congregated in front of his shop.

Mr. Anias also told the Court that he saw "one of these persons" in the corridor of the Court house yesterday, but that he did not recognize any of the accused.

Girl, 20, Among Three Detained

Miriam Brunner, 20, the only woman held in connection with the alleged Knesset plot, was remanded for 10 days by the Jerusalem Magistrates' Court yesterday, on a charge of participating in the activities of an illegal organization.

Chief Magistrate M. Gaulan in the same session also issued warrants of detention for 10 days against Ya'acov Aharonov and D. Addas on the same charge. Addas is accused, in addition, of conspiring to set fire to cars driven on Saturdays.

Thirteen orders of detention have now been issued against persons arrested after May 14, the date of the alleged attempt to throw a smoke-bomb into the Knesset.

Mr. L. Tunik, defence counsel, pleaded strongly for Miss Brunner's release on bail. Her alleged offence was only a misdemeanour, the advocate argued, and since the girl is about to be married, preparations for the ceremony were being hampered.

The advocate also pointed out that the accused is a teacher at Bet Ya'acov, in the Katamon quarter, and that her class is not meeting during her imprisonment.

Mr Tunik claimed that his client was being held in the same quarters as convicted criminals; the Magistrate ordered the police to detain her separately.

Six men who had been administratively detained under the Defence Regulations for alleged collusion in the attempt to sabotage the Knesset were released in Jerusalem yesterday, three of them after having been transferred from the Jalameh detention camp on Sunday.

TOURIST, OUT ON BAIL, IMPRISONED

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM) — The tourist from Italy, Leivush Bornstein, who had allegedly tried to leave the country while free on bail and charged with possessing forged dollars, was committed to jail for one month by the District Court Judge, Mr. E. Malchi, here today.

The judge also confiscated the IL.1,000 bail.

Grave on Border To Be Photographed

Israel and Jordan photographers will soon photograph the grave of the British policeman, Mr. Harold Lawrence, who fell in Jerusalem in May, 1948, and is buried in the Christian cemetery in the no-man's-land near Mount Zion.

A Mixed Armistice Commission subcommittee agreed to permit the group to visit the grave following the request from the policeman's mother for pictures of her son's grave.

Phosphates Found In Negev

BEERSHEBA, Monday (ITIM). — Large quantities of phosphates have been discovered in three places in the Negev, it is learned here. The minerals are understood to be near the surface and therefore easy to work.

Israel to Ask Parley For More Wheat

Israel will request an increase in its wheat quota at the International Wheat Conference which is to open in London next week, official sources disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday. Mr. I. Samuel, Economic Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, will represent Israel.

The conference will decide on allocations to countries participating in the International Wheat Agreement. According to the Agreement, participating producer countries must sell a specified amount of wheat to other participating countries at regulated prices.

Participating consumer countries may also buy on the free markets, but prices there are now higher than the regulated prices.

Israel's allocation for the year 1950-51 was 160,000 tons, an inadequate amount. Israel must take into account its increasing population and the expected bad harvest.

After the Wheat Conference, Mr. Samuel will visit the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome.

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — A two months' supply of wheat has been received by the Ministry of Agriculture for stockpiling purposes in addition to quantities for normal daily consumption. Further stockpile reserves are expected to arrive shortly, it is learned.

BEN GURION INVITED BY TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Monday. — When Prime Minister Ben Gurion returns home next Thursday he will call, on his way from Lydda Airport, on the Municipality, where he will be given an official reception.

Speeding and Negligence Cause Most Crashes

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM).—Excessive speed and negligence on the part of drivers are responsible for most accidents in Israel, the Committee, established by the Road Transport Division of the Ministry of Communications to investigate the causes of accidents, has reported.

The report consists in the main of diagrams, one of which shows that when a car is travelling at 60 kilometres per hour, the vehicle travels 12 metres from the time the driver sees danger until he reacts and steps on his brakes, and another 30 metres are covered before adequate brakes bring the car to a stop.

The report says that 45 per cent of all Israel vehicles are in the Tel Aviv area. On April 1 there were 8,655 trucks registered in Tel Aviv, 6,950 private cars, 706 taxis, 876 buses, and 5,883 motorcycles. Thirty-eight per cent of vehicles examined in Tel Aviv fail in their first test, and must be repaired before licences are issued.

MAN TAKEN FOR MARAUDER, SHOT

PETAH TIKVA, Monday (ITIM). — A 50-year-old immigrant living at Mahane Israel, Eliakim Finkelstein, was seriously wounded when he was shot by guards of Tirat Yehuda early this morning. He was operated upon for wounds in the chest, and was tonight reported to be still in a serious condition.

The shooting occurred at 5.30 in the morning when the guards saw a man approaching the village, east of Petah Tikva. When he did not reply when challenged from some distance, the guards, thinking him to be a marauder, opened fire.

Strike Stops Work At Silicate Factory

RISHON LE ZION, Monday (ITIM). — The owners of the silicate factory here, which manufactures building materials, have appealed for Government and Histadrut intervention in the strike which has stopped work in the factory for some days now.

The owners state that the strike started without the sanction of the local Labour Council and before negotiations began for a new collective agreement. The workers are claiming a pay increase of IL.1 per day.

Boy Knows Danger When He Sees It

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A live grenade, found in a yard, was dismantled at the Jaffa police headquarters today thanks to the presence of mind of a local 12-year-old boy. The youth brought the grenade to the duty officer last night, saying, "I think this is dangerous."

The police pointed out that the locations of dangerous or suspicious objects should be reported to them and grenades not brought in personally.

5 Hurt, 3 Seriously, When Cars Collide

HAIFA, Monday.—A private car of Kvutzat Bet Alpha ran into an unlighted army car on the Tel Aviv highway south of Haifa at 11 o'clock last night.

Three soldiers were seriously hurt and two others slightly injured.

Both cars, one of which overturned, were damaged. The driver was unhurt.

Safety Drive Delayed, Police Pre-occupied

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The traffic safety campaign will probably not get under way until next week, due to police pre-occupation with the Dundee football games and the imminent arrival of Mr. Ben Gurion, it is learned here.

Yesterday's initial test of the pedestrian signals at Kikar Magen David was held without the help of the police who were busy at the Ramat Gan stadium.

In the meantime, Tel Aviv's second traffic lights went into operation today at the Salameh Road and Rehov Herzl crossing.

The assembly plant of Kaiser-Frazer of Israel, Ltd., in Haifa Bay, will be opened on June 14.

Appeals on Voting For Congress Denied

General Zionist and Mizrahi demands to invalidate Israel elections to the Zionist Congress were quashed yesterday when the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, in his capacity as Chairman of the Congress Court, refused to deal with them.

Mr. Rosen stated that he was not authorized to rule on instructions of the Zionist Executive, which had authorized the balloting. There is no other court of appeal.

Mr. Rosen's statement was based on the fact that the instructions to hold the elections without drawing up election lists were issued by the Executive, and not by the Elections Committee.

The appellants had asked that the elections be declared unconstitutional, and, if held, be considered invalid.

During a three-hour hearing in Jerusalem yesterday Messrs. B. Locker and E. Dobkin appeared for the Zionist Executive; Dr. A. L. Lauterbach and Mr. L. Tauo for the Organizational Committee; Messrs. P. Dromi and A. Kamini for the Elections Committee; Dr. Peretz Bernstein, and Dr. A. Stup for the General Zionists, and Dr. Rosenberg for Mizrahi.

Elections are scheduled for June 13.

LYDDA TOWN BUDGET TRIPLED

LYDDA, Monday. — The budget of Lydda, which has a population of 13,000 including 1,300 members of minority communities, is to be tripled from IL.185,000 last year to IL.406,000 this year, the Municipal Council has decided.

Half of the budget is to be devoted to the development of the municipal area, which covers 19,000 dunams. New factory buildings are to be put up in the industrial zone, and roads, parks and water supplies are to be installed and improved.

Some 2,000 children are now studying in local schools which here include a "trend" found in no other centre in Israel — that of the "Habad" followers. The Council has applied for an IL.80,000 grant for the extension of the educational network here.

COMMUNISTS LEAD IN SICILY POLL

ROME, Monday (UP). — The first returns today gave the Communist Left-Wing Socialist Bloc a slight lead in Sicily's Regional Assembly election.

The returns are too meagre to show a definite trend but gave the Communist Bloc 25,787 compared with 20,759 for Premier Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrats. The extreme right-wing neo-Fascist M.S.I. party had 10,130 votes in the election which was held yesterday to pick 90 deputies for the Assembly, the autonomous body that rules Sicilian affairs.

A toal of 2,189 persons voted, a turn-out of 81.73 per cent.

Vitaly Bechar, a Petah Tikva cheese manufacturer, has been [illegible] native of Iraq months' imprisonment by [illegible] Court for refusing to answer questions asked by inspectors during an investigation.

RUINS FOR SALE

SHAFTESBURY, Dorset, Monday (Reuter). — The ruins of Shaftesbury Abbey, founded by King Alfred the Great in 888 A.D., are for sale.

They contain the remains of St. Edward the Martyr in a lead casket. The casket is not for sale, but the Saxon ruins will be auctioned next Thursday.

Yugoslavs Arrest 8,000 in Three Years

BELGRADE, Monday (Reuter). — Altogether 8,403 persons have been arrested for pro-Cominform activity in Yugoslavia since Marshal Tito's break with the Kremlin three years ago, M. Aleksandar Rankovic, Yugoslav Minister of the Interior, revealed yesterday.

They were sentenced to "specially useful labour" and 3,718 persons were later set at liberty, of whom 1.2 per cent have been re-arrested for hostile activities since their release.

M. Rankovic, addressing the plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, said it was necessary to publish these figures to give the lie to Cominform "slanders." "Our treatment is humane but at the same time strict" he asserted, maintaining that it was in strong contrast to the "butcher methods" in which "our slanderers treat their prisoners."

"In their prisons and mass-camps conditions are such that human beings do not return home. They kill not only the pride of people but people are physically exterminated," he charged.

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effect was that the specific proposals ordering the Government to cancel the orders for administrative arrests should be voted upon, but that the result should not constitute a constitutional or procedural precedent.

Mr. Israel Bar Yehuda (Mapam) and Mr. Menahem Begin (Herut) demanded a vote. The Speaker then asked for a vote on Dr. Warhaftig's motion to shelve the issue. The outgoing coalition, with the exception of Social Welfare Minister Rabbi Levin and Mr. M. D. Levinstein (Orthodox), supported the Warhaftig motion which passed by 50 votes to 19.

Mr. Sprinzak then read out a series of motions dealing with the Brit Hakanaim arrests. The Acting Prime Minister sat poker-faced while the Speaker read out motions by the Orthodox Bloc, Herut, the Communists and Messrs. Moshe Ben Ami and Eliahu Elyashar (Sephardim) which called for the closing of the "concentration camp" and for release of persons held under the Emergency Regulations.

He then asked for the floor and announced that of the 56 persons originally detained, 26 had been released within 48 hours. Of the remainder, 13 had been brought to trial and the other 17 subsequently released.

Hence, no more suspects were being held administratively.

FIRE AT PARTY KILLS 23 GIRLS

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter).—Twenty-three girl silk workers died in a fire at a party in the factory's assembly hall at Hikone last night. Over 20 others were injured.

The fire started when a film caught alight in the hall. Most casualties were caused by a stampede for the exits.

Bradley Begins Talks in France

PARIS, Monday (Reuter) — General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, has opened his talks here with Atlantic Pact Supreme Commander General Eisenhower and French military leaders on Europe's rearmament programme.

General Bradley—a mild, bespectacled soldier with a reputation for genius in organization — arrived here on Saturday. He met General Eisenhower and his staff before lunching with Defence Minister Jules Moch and French Chiefs of Staff. Tomorrow he will dine with General Eisenhower and on Wednesday he will fly to London.

Omar Bradley

Mrs. Roosevelt Has Grant-in-Aid Doubts

NEW YORK, Monday (Reuter). — U.S. aid in "calming down" the Arab-Israel dispute might be more essential than a government grant to Israel, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt claimed in her weekly television show yesterday.

Asked by Mr. Harry Zindler, a member of the Israel delegation to the U.N., whether she thought the U.S. should assist the "very solid democracy" in Israel by a grant, she replied:

"Israel has received so much from this country — from the Jewish population of this country — that I am not sure what the reaction of the country would be to a government grant. It is more important at the moment that the U.S. lend its efforts to ironing out Israel's troubles with the Arab nations."

Professor Hussein Selim Bey, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce of Fuad University in Cairo, asked what she thought were the "human rights" of Arab refugees, "pushed out of Palestine."

Mrs. Roosevelt, who heads the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, replied she believed that Arabs whose homes still existed should be permitted to return to Israel. But those whose homes no longer existed or whose former homes were in areas where great bitterness existed between Arabs and Jews, should be resettled elsewhere.

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DEATH.—M. Louis de Brouckere, 81-year-old Belgian Socialist politician, died in Brussels yesterday. He resigned as Minister of State last July when King Leopold returned from exile.

INVESTIGATE. — The Canadian Army has ordered "a thorough investigation" into a spectacular fire, punctuated by explosions, which levelled its Central Ordnance Depot in Ottawa on Sunday night.

CHESS. — Grand Masters Dr. Max Euwe of Amsterdam, and Mr. Reuben Fine, of New York, are among the competitors in the Weiher Memorial International Chess Tournament which opened on Sunday in New York.

CARS. — Smaller but much more powerful engines will change the traditional shape of the motor-car in the next few years, Professor J. J. Roese told the World Petroleum Congress at The Hague yesterday.

SABOTEUR. — Assen Milanov, accused of blowing up a Bulgarian Government factory on Yugoslav instructions, has been sentenced to death by a Sofia District Court. Two accomplices received long prison sentences.

SIEGE. — New York Police yesterday laid siege to a house with searchlights, tear gas and submachine guns, when called to deal with a man firing a rifle. The man, barricaded inside, was killed by machine-gun fire.

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THE gathering of the Arab Chiefs of Staff at Bludan in the Lebanon is being watched with interest, for there is little doubt that it links up with the aggressive policy shown recently by the individual Arab states, notably Syria and Iraq.

ARABS AND ARMS

The instructive Syrian press extracts published in these columns yesterday, indicated the view of Syrian military observers and experts that the Syrian Army had taken an active part in last month's fighting in the Huleh area. These admissions should be viewed together with the despatch of Iraqi reinforcements to Damascus, and the conference of the Arab Chiefs of Staff now taking place at Bludan. No secret is being made at Bludan of the fact that military planning on a regional scale is being attempted, or of the circumstance that this planning is exclusively directed against Israel. While it may be no more than natural that Arab statesmen and military leaders should be eager to explore the possibilities of turning the Security Council Resolution of May 18 to practical account as a guide to future policy, it remains regrettable that they should also be able to take into their calculations such facts as the arrival in Basra of a further consignment of British tanks for the Iraqi Army, close upon the sending of Iraqi reinforcements to Syria and actually coinciding with the passage of the Security Council Resolution on the Huleh dispute.

Israel has always maintained that, whatever may be the intention of the Powers supplying arms to the Arab states, it is clear that the Arab states themselves have one main use for these arms — the building up of their forces against the time when "a war of revenge" against Israel may seem to them worth trying. The quantity and nature of many of the arms supplied are inappropriate to self-defence, whilst there has been no indication whatever — indeed, there has been significant absence of indications — of any intention on the part of the Arabs to integrate their armaments and policies into a common plan for regional defence against any outside Power.

On the Huleh issue, the Syrian Army got away with more than it could even have hoped for; and the Chiefs of Staff at Bludan must be studying this lesson with care. The many hotheads in the Arab world now seeking ways of making hay of Israel while the Security Council sun shines upon them, are not balanced by the cooler voices such as that of Abed el Shazli Pasha in his letter to the Egyptian Foreign Minister, deploring any move that might cause further war with Israel. It is the task of all concerned with peace and stability in the Middle East to try to create a more temperate atmosphere, and though this must be the object of the Security Council, its Resolution on the Huleh has produced the opposite effect.

THE Womanly Woman is the very prop of civilization: the Amazon nation has handed down to posterity nothing but a general mordbid fear of female toxophilites. Progressives have upheld with sacramental slogans the right of woman to be an Elizabeth of England, an Elizabeth Farnese (who marched in armour at the head of her troops), a Joan of Arc or a Fanny Blankers-Koen; but when Bernard Shaw satirized the Womanly Woman in "The Philanderer," the critics and audience were at one in weeping for her. The last war was not only remarkable for the number of women who wore uniform, but also notable for the charm with which they managed to invest drab khaki and faded blue. Marriage, we are persuaded, is inevitable, and until Nature rethinks her theories about human relationships, strong and fierce women will be regarded as Gorgons, turning their would-be suitors to stone. In an age when nylons are considered indispensable to womanliness, there is real danger of the wrong legs wriggling into these rare stockings. It is the strong and determined ladies who manage to maintain themselves at the head of the rush when nylons appear in the shops: the Womanly Woman will get nowhere by sitting on the pavement and howling for a protective male to get her a pair.

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TUDEH PARTY SMALL BUT WELL ORGANIZED

Iran's Communist Underground

By Flora Lewis

TEHERAN.—ALTHOUGH the ardent nationalists leading Persia now are undoubtedly both anti-Communist and anti-Soviet the illegal Communist-controlled Tudeh party has gained strength and benefited from the recent upheavals here.

No one knows the card-carrying membership of Tudeh but it is believed to be not more than a few thousand. It is, however, extremely well organized and alert, the kind of hard-core expert party which Communist movements generally prefer to a mass organization both for underground work and for the direction of a nation after control has been acquired and the regular series of purges completed.

Because of its ability and because of the emptiness of Iranian political life, it has influence far beyond its actual strength. The universities, the lower civil service, and the junior officers corps in the army are said to be full of Tudeh sympathizers. There are people who in other countries might be Socialists or even Liberals but who find no other outlet here for their dissatisfaction.

The leaders of the oil nationalization drive are not essentially reformists, nor despite their slogans, really anti-Western; they are merely determined nationalists. With respect to the Soviet Union, their public statements have maintained that Persia must be "strictly neutral," and they neglect to mention how that might be possible in an oil-rich but defenceless country, strategically placed on the borders of the Soviet Union.

Fear of Russia

Privately, however, they insist that they are as much or more afraid of Soviet imperialism as of the oft-denounced British variety. Hussein Maki, Secretary-General of Premier Mohammed Mossadeq's National Front party and a spokesman for the Premier, said in an interview that the main reason for proclaiming nationalization of all Persia's oil, rather than just the properties of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, was to forestall future renewals of the Soviet demand for concessions in the north.

"We do not want any foreign influences and interference in our country," he said. "And we know the Russians would use any economic privileges they could get for political purposes. We will only ask neutral countries to help us with technicians in the oil industry. Russia certainly is not neutral."

Dr. Mossadeq was prominent in the opposition which defeated the Soviet oil concession which was signed but refused ratification in 1946. He and his supporters show that they realize the international dangers inherent in the oil dispute, but they perversely claim the delicate state of world peace as an important reason why Britain should concede all their demands without argument, thus limiting the scope of the dispute. In addition, they maintain with some justice that the successes of their movement so far have diverted sympathy from Tudeh.

Soviet Funds

The "Free Azerbaijan Radio" and the other programmes beamed to Persia from across the Soviet frontier have consistently denounced Dr. Mossadeq as a "tool of the Imperialists and reactionaries," who has stirred up the nation merely as a means of forestalling a domestic revolution. The Russians, although they must be enjoying Britain's difficulties, obviously consider Dr. Mossadeq's emphasis on nationalism as undesirable. Undoubtedly they have noted suggestions from Dr. Mossadeq's supporters that while foreign concessions are being nationalized, it would be a good idea to nationalize or at least cancel the Soviet fishing concession on the Caspian which is due for renewal this autumn.

For the time being, the Russians have apparently made no effort at direct governmental intervention, preferring to let events take their course. A high Persian official has alleged that the Soviet Union supplies Tudeh with 20 million Rials (just over £200,000) monthly which comes at least in part from the proceeds of Russian exports to Persia, and it has been said that Tudeh agitators are now returning from their refuge in Soviet Azerbaijan. At the moment, the situation in Persian Azerbaijan, where the Russians fomented a revolt in 1946, is quiet.

There are varying estimates of how well prepared Tudeh would be to take over the government if it saw a chance for a *coup d'etat*. A parallel is sometimes drawn with Czechoslovakia, but it seems likely that the party still needs time to infiltrate key government, army and industrial posts. It was banned after the Azerbaijan revolt and seemed to have been fairly effectively broken up, except for the tightest little cells of professional revolutionists.

General Razmara, the Prime Minister who was assassinated earlier this year, began to loosen the restraints in 1950 and is reliably said to be responsible for the escape of imprisoned Tudeh leaders in a jail-break. The party's boldness has grown continuously and, although the ban on it still exists, no effort to enforce the ban is at all apparent. Tudeh now organizes public demonstrations by the simple expedient of calling itself "Peace Partisans" or some other equally obvious name. There is said to be certain knowledge that about 150 Tudeh agitators working in the oil fields converged on the oil town Abadan during the present strike against AIOC there.

Legalizing Party

There is now talk here of legalizing the party. Dr. Mossadeq has said somewhat vaguely that he feels it better to have them operating in the open than underground, but he has also said he opposes lifting the ban on them.

None of the groups directly involved in Dr. Mossadeq's coalition is working with Tudeh, so far as is known, nor is it likely that they would do so. Dr. Mossadeq himself is a wealthy landowner and has never suggested any new taxation or agricultural reforms, while his religious backers are anti-infidel, although it is not impossible that the most fanatical of them might accept expedient help wherever they could get it.

Yet the cause of Communism gains in the tumult and the anti-British and anti-American agitation. Persia is determined to throw off British influence, and, short of the widespread use of force, will probably succeed to a large extent. But there is no sign that its present leaders will be able to produce the improvement in economic, political or educational standards they have promised as a result or to defend the freedom of which they now feel deprived. Tudeh's big moment will come when literate Persians begin to realize that, and the time may not be far off.

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HANDS FOR HEBREW

Hebrew by demonstration *is the technique of Mrs. Hinga Smilev who is shown above teaching children of the ma'bara at Castel in the Jerusalem Corridor. Everyone holds up two hands to demonstrate the word "ten."* Photo by Braun

OTTO REMER SALVAGES HITLERISM

Neo-Nazis' Leader

OTTO Remer, who advocates "taking over the good ideas of National Socialism (the Nazi Party) and extending them" is today Germany's most controversial political figure. Remer, and his Socialist Reichs Party, which he helped to found in 1948, entered the spotlight of West German politics on May 6 when his neo-Nazi candidates won the votes of nearly 400,000 voters in Lower Saxony's state assembly elections, seating 16 members.

Remer, a lanky man who has openly flaunted Hitler-like slogans for the past three years, made his first major bid for power as a party leader in the Lower Saxony polls.

His only previous attempt to win votes, less than a year ago, was a dismal flop. Since then he has been campaigning steadily for support of "unreconstructed" Nazis who have been encouraged to stick their heads up again as West Germany moves closer to sovereignty and Western Allied controls are relaxed.

Ex-General

He is a 39-year-old former German Army major who leaped to the rank of major general in Hitler's forces for his action in smashing the July 20, 1944, bomb plot on Der Fuehrer's life. He still boasts proudly of the "heroic action" in his campaign speeches. "I am not a Nazi," he likes to tell his campaign audiences, adding "but I am a National Socialist" (that was the formal name of the Nazi Party).

Tireless, Remer made 50 campaign speeches within a month in Lower Saxony. Old Nazis chuckled and applauded loudly. His campaign appearances are marked by brass band accompaniment. Favourite martial music includes "Badenweiler March" and similar Hitler favourites.

He organized a party storm-trooper organization, much along the lines of Hitler's Brownshirts. These party thugs used to beat anyone who objected to his rabble-rousing phrases until the West German Federal Assembly at Bonn banned the quasi-military units last week.

Remer wears a thick green Bavarian rainproof coat, a green felt hat with a chamois hair brush in the band and usually a grey suit. In private life, Remer became a bricklayer immediately following the war. He laid aside his hod and trowel as soon as his party gave signs of catching on. (Hitler also started as a bricklayer and later a house painter).

Remer's post-war home town is Varel, near Bremen, in the British Zone. His wife, Marga, 38, seldom sees her busy husband at home. Usually he is on tour.

Remer has just been sentenced to four months in prison for slandering Dr. Konrad Adenauer, chief of the West German government.

Five Million New Trees

By Theodor F. Meysels

THE foresters of Israel held their Second Annual Conference on May 24 at Ilanot, the Government Forestry Research Station and Tree Nursery, near Bet Lid. The white flag with the oak sprig of the foresters was hoisted over the gate. The hut at the Ilanot bus stop differs from all the other green "Egged" shelters. It is a rustic lodge, constructed as a "block house," out of slender sticks instead of the heavy logs employed elsewhere.

The 300 foresters who arrived at Ilanot are employed by the Government and the National Funds, and look different from their European prototypes—not one of them sports a green hat, with shaving brushes of chamois bristles or cockades of feathers, the usual decorations of continental woodsmen. The only dogs serving with the Israel Rangers are some sedate boxers.

Our foresters are absolutely uninterested in the noble art of hunting, perhaps for the simple reason that there is no game worth stalking in Israel's young forests. Israel forestry is an industrial science dealing with two set problems—firstly, how to produce as much timber as possible, and secondly, how to use this timber as economically as possible.

Growing Village

Ilanot, founded in 1948, when communications with the Acre Station became precarious, has now spread over 400 dunams, north and south of the Haifa highway. A pleasant cluster of white, red roofed cottages is grouped around a kind of village green, with dwellings and workshops, stores and mess halls, a big library and a small office, and, most important of all, the laboratories, where chemist and entomologist watch over the health of trees and saplings. The seed store is impressive; square tins contain millions of future trees, the shiny beads from the pine cones and the brown powder, a handful of which will become an eucalyptus wood in two years.

A wooded hill forms the background to the foresters village within the emerald frame of nurseries and botanical gardens. Walking along miles of Jerry cans, cut in halves, we inspected the childhood and youth of the trees. They start as two-leaved babies, crammed by the hundreds into a "Kindergarten tin," which, after some weeks, turn into a beautiful green cushion. They spend their "primary school" years in cement pots, cast at Ilanot. The eucalyptus, most precocious of our trees, is ready to be planted out at the end of six months but the slower growth of the conifers requires a year in the nursery.

Poplars, soon to be introduced along our roadsides, hold the record for speed. They can take rough treatment. Yearlings, about two metres high, can be cut in half and both parts independently transplanted. Poplar-lined highways will soon remind the traveller in Israel of Lombardy and Tuscany. Hundreds of new types of trees are being studied at Ilanot's experimental plots. Plants, by the way, have to stick to their Latin names, applied in the Hungarian manner, the family name always preceding the individual one.

Five million baby trees will be grown in Ilanot this year. Even if only 60 per cent survive the rough life in the open, there will be sufficient to finish the work of road-side planting and to clothe many new hills in green velvet.

To compare last year's height statistics with the new ones prepared for the conference, raises the spirits. The big trees of 1950, which then represented a proud achievement, are dwarfed by new ones two and three times their height. The many ways of using all kinds of timber and wood in our national economy, from tool handles to wood carvings, formed an important part of the show. All these wooden things, by the way, do not exist only in theory. Israel, even now, through the necessary clearing out of older forests, the liquidation of abandoned citrus plantations, and the cutting of sterile olive trees, is producing quantities of wood. Telegraph poles, for instance, are manufactured in Ilanot from eucalyptus, charcoal from citrus is in the experimental stage.

New Foresters

Afforestation on a statewide scale has never been attempted before. New methods have to be employed by new men who are pioneers of science in contrast to the jaunty game wardens of the Alps. Even more astonishing are their assistants, most of whom had literally never seen a tree before coming to Israel. Yemenites, men and women, make a great success of tree nursing. Their fine hands, used to fine silverwork and embroidery, do wonders with the tiny trees. In Europe, there was a saying that only a forester's grandson could be a good forester. But perhaps people who were born in the treeless deserts or cities come to love trees in an even deeper, but equally competent manner.

Readers' Letters

CIVIL SERVICE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—The interesting article in your issue of May 31, under the heading "Defeatism Prevents Improved Government Machine," does not mention three important causes of stagnation in the Israel Civil Service.

Instructions recently issued by the I.C.S. Commission on the "Stability of the Staff," debar government officials a) from being promoted more than once in 12 months; b) from being appointed to posts more than two salary grades higher than their present posts.

So far I have seen no explanation for these arbitrary limitations on promotion and appointments and checks on enthusiasm and efficiency. Perhaps no explanation has been given because none can honestly be offered.

It is hereby suggested that the I.C.S. Commission reconsider these instructions and revoke them promptly if it wishes to prevent stagnation and a further flight of government officials to other employment.

Promises about "back pay" and "notification of candidates' success or failure in their examinations" for other government posts should be fulfilled if the Civil Service's defeatism is not to increase.

Yours etc.
Haifa, May 31 H. H.

FORGOTTEN PROMISE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir — Some time ago the question of the approach to the "Rasco Shikun" which is being built in the vicinity of Katamon, was raised in the press.

As a result of a meeting held on April 24 between the Mayor and the representatives of the inhabitants, the Mayor explained that the preparatory work for the proposed extension to Gaza Road was soon to be finished, that a tender would be published within a month, and the road would be completed within six months. More than a month has gone by and there appears to be no progress whatsoever and according to the City Engineer the preparatory work has not yet been finished.

The inhabitants of the Shikun now number 25 families and 25 more are expected within the month and they urgently need the road. Today the inhabitants cannot get ice, kerosene or vital foodstuffs unless they carry them long distances, and no physician is prepared to come to the Shikun. We ask that the Municipality take the necessary steps to carry out the Mayor's promise.

Yours, etc.,
The Committee of the Association of Mishtakne Rassco in Jerusalem. Jerusalem, May 31.

URGENT VISAS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — On May 16, I received an urgent letter from my sister in Florence, informing me that my mother, who is 83-years old, was seriously ill and urging me to come over immediately.

On the following day my wife and I made an application for an exit visa. We did not request any foreign currency as our relatives abroad were willing to pay all our expenses.

The clerk at the Immigration Office told us that we would have to produce a certificate from a doctor, confirming my mother's illness. We pointed out that it would take time to obtain such a certificate and we may receive the visa too late. He then asked us to present our case in writing on the following day.

This we did and reminded him that the matter was very urgent. Nevertheless we were told that the answer would be sent by mail.

In the meantime we were informed by cable that my mother's condition was becoming worse. We then spoke to a responsible person in the Ministry of Immigration and were told that if the immigration officer in Rome had confirmed the circumstances of my mother's illness by cable and asked that a visa be granted to us, there would have been no difficulty in arranging the matter.

On the following day such a cable arrived at the Immigration Office in Jerusalem. The official in charge sent it by ordinary mail to Tel Aviv and did not even ask that the visa be granted urgently.

We then received a letter from my sister who beseeched us to come over at once because, she said, otherwise it may be too late.

However the people at the Immigration Office in Tel Aviv told us with admirable aloofness, that they had no special instructions about our case and that they were still awaiting the a.m. cable from Jerusalem.

My beloved mother died on May 22, and I did not have a chance to see her before she died.

Everyone knows cases of Jews who were unable to see their relatives before dying because of the indifference and hostility of foreign people. But it is surprising and painful to see that even our own people do not show sympathy and understanding.

Yours, etc.,
MARIO PASSIGLI
Ramat Gan, May 31.

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